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ORANJESTAD -- Everyone passing in front of R.E. Yrausquin & Sons will notice a giant banner hanging in front of the building saying "Stop Child Abuse." This is how the wellknown auto dealer shows its commitment to the Lissete Gomes Foundation in its fight against child abuse. Every year, Ford, has a promotion, "The Global Week of Caring," in which a specific project is chosen in all the countries where Ford is represented. On Aruba, Ford chose to sponsor the "Fundacion Lissete Gomes," in its fight against sexual abuse of our children.

The "Global Week of Caring" promotion is taking place from September 3 to September 30, 2010, where all Ford Motor Company employees and retirees around the world are volunteering their time and talents to make a positive impact in the communities where they work, live and play. More than 8,000 volunteers are registered for projects in more than 25 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. Thousands more are expected to join the effort.

In the United States, community building is this year's theme with projects that ad-

dress shelter and housing issues. Around the world, Ford volunteers are working to create a better world by feeding the hungry, renovating schools, repairing shelters, protecting critical water resources and planting trees.

On Aruba, R.E. Yrausquin & Sons joined the Lissete Gomes Foundation in its awareness. For every car service or part purchased at Irausquin & Sons, the community is contributing to this good cause. At the end of the campaign R.E. Yrausquin & Sons will double that amount and donate the proceeds to the foundation.

33 survive Venezuela plane crash

CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) - A domestic passenger plane crashed yesterday in southeastern Venezuela killing at least 14 people, officials said, but 33 of those on board miraculously survived the terrifying ordeal.

The plane carrying 47 passengers and four crew, en route to the resort city of Isla Margarita, burst into flames mid-air and broke almost in two as it came down near a steel works owned by the Sidor group in Bolivar state.

"A total of 33 people are being cared for at different clinics," Bolivar governor Francisco Rangel Gomez said. "We have

14 bodies that are being identified and we are searching for four people" in the wreckage.

The Conviasa Airlines ATR-42-300 plane went down about six miles (10 kilometers) from Puerto Ordaz. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear.

Officials said the quick response by the emergency services after the pilot warned air traffic control that the flight was in trouble had prevented a higher death toll.

The plane went down at a site mostly used by Sidor to store scrap industrial material. None of its employees were in-

jured in the crash, but they were among the first at the scene helping rescue passengers, Gomez said.

The governor said the pilot appeared to have "lost control" of the plane and had radioed a control tower to warn that the flight was having technical difficulties. A spokesperson for ATR, the aircraft manufacturer, said the firm was investigating the accident.

Conviasa is a state-owned airline started in 2004 that flies to destinations as varied as Tehran, Damascus, Buenos Aires and several Caribbean nations.

Teal Ribbon Week schedule of Alzheimer's awareness events announced



Dr. Mena

Tuesday, September 21 is World Alzheimer's Day, as proclaimed by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) 26 years ago. Fondation Alzheimer's Aruba, (F.A.A.) will be conducting a week of awareness and educational events surrounding World Alzheimer's Day beginning on Sunday, September 19 with a Mass conducted at the Catholic Church in Savaneta, followed by a "Koffie Morgen."

F.A.A. President Melva Croes-Yanez announced during a press conference at the new Carte Blanche Restaurant located in the Old Mill in Palm Beach a very special series of events for Teal Ribbon Week 2010 "where art and science combine to aid us in understanding Alzheimer's and elderly dementia." F.A.A. is proud to welcome Professor Dr. Jose Raul Mena Lopez, Master and Doctor of Science in the specialty of Cellular Biology at the Center for Research and Advanced Studies (CINVESTAV). Mexico. Dr. Mena, whose groundbreaking research into the analysis of the causes and effects of Alzheimer's and related dementia has been

nominated for the International Who's Who 2009, and will give a free lecture on his work on Thursday evening, September 23, at the ballroom of the Occidental Grand Resort in Palm Beach.

14 noted island artists have participated in an exposition inspired by his work and the images it has produced, titled "The Rainbow of Dementia." A particular scientific technique identifies elements in the brain at a molecular level and produces fantastical images. A number of these images and the works they have inspired will go on display in the Tara Suites breakfast lounge of the Bucuti Beach Resort on Tuesday morning, September 21, World Alzheimer's Day. The exposition will finish on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. with a public auction of the work, the proceeds to assist F.A.A. in their projects as well as the Brain Bank of Mexico. Anyone interested will find the art most intriguing and unique; entrance to the auction is free and includes a wine and cheese reception.

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Hurricane Igor gets stronger, storm Julia follows

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - Hurricane Igor, swirling in the central Atlantic, strengthened yesterday, sparking concerns about possible flooding in the Caribbean, including in quake-devastated Haiti.

Coming behind it was Tropical Storm Julia which formed overnight near the coast of Africa and was moving north-west after skirting the Cape Verde Islands.

Igor, a powerful category four storm, was barreling west at 10 miles (17 kilometers) per hour, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said.

The storm had maximum sustained winds near 150 miles (240 kilometers) per hour, up from 140 miles (220 kilometers) overnight.

"Some fluctuation in intensity is likely during the next 48 hours," the center warned. "And Igor could become a category five hurricane today."

The center of the storm was currently located 880 miles (1,420 kilometers) east of the northern Leeward Islands.

Forecasters said Igor could brush the northern Caribbean, possibly heading toward Bermuda afterwards.

Although Igor was not expected to hit land directly, the approach of the hurricane has sparked concern in the Caribbean basin about torrential rains that it could bring with it, including in Haiti, which is still recovering from a massive earthquake in January.

Meanwhile, as Igor made its way across the Atlantic, a

new tropical storm formed off the coast of Africa, with warnings being issued for the southern Cape Verde Islands.

Tropical Storm Julia was projected to become a hurricane in the next couple of days, according to the NHC.

Julia was located 115 miles (185 kilometers) southwest of the Cape Verde Islands, packing sustained winds of 40 miles (65 kilometers) an hour, and dumping rain on the archipelago located off the western tip of the African continent.

Bob Marley family loses case over hit records

NEW YORK CITY - Bob Marley's family lost a lawsuit seeking the copyrights to several of the late Jamaican reggae singer's best-known recordings.

U.S. District Judge Denise Cote in Manhattan said the UMG Recordings unit of Vivendi SA's Universal Music Group is the rightful owner of copyrights to five albums that Marley had recorded between 1973 and 1977 for Island

Records.

The albums "Catch a Fire," "Burnin'," "Natty Dread," "Rastaman Vibrations" and "Exodus" were recorded with Marley's band The Wailers. They include some of Marley's best-known songs, including "Get Up, Stand Up," "I Shot the Sheriff," "No Woman, No Cry" and "One Love."

Marley died of cancer in 1981 at age 36.

'Time bomb' superbug requires global response, says doctor

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AFP) - A new superbug from India thought to be resistant to nearly every known antibiotic poses a global threat, scientists warned yesterday, urging health authorities to track the bacteria.

"There is an urgent need, first, to put in place an international surveillance system over the coming months and, second, to test all the patients admitted to any given health system" in as many countries as possible, said Patrice Nordmann of France's Bicetre Hospital.

"For the moment, we don't know how fast this phenomenon is spreading... it could take months or years, but what is

certain is that it will spread," he told AFP, noting that measures have already been agreed in France and are under discussion in Japan, Singapore and China.

"It's a bit like a time bomb." Nordmann was in Boston for the 50th annual meeting of the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), the world's largest gathering of infectious disease specialists, which is drawing some 12,000 people here September 12-14.

The head of Bicetre's department of bacteriology and virology noted that the bacteria will find fertile ground in India's massive 1.3 billion-person strong population, and

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Negotiations to form a rightist Dutch coalition government backed by controversial anti-Islam MP Geert Wilders resumed yesterday, 10 days after a first round floundered, a spokesman said.

"The negotiations resumed this afternoon at 3:30 pm in The Hague," Henk Brons, spokesman for an official appointed by the queen to lead the discussions, told AFP.

Wilders, who calls Islam fascist, on September 3 walked out of month-old negotiations on forming a coalition involving the centre-right, pro-business VVD that narrowly won June 9 elections and the Christian Democrat CDA.

Wilders' Party for Freedom (PVV) would remain outside of such a "minority government" but would provide the majority required to pass decisions through parliament on certain pre-agreed issues -- in return for a voice in policy formation.

The VVD and CDA together hold 52 seats in the 150-member Dutch parliament, and

Wilders' PVV 24.

Wilders, who campaigns for stopping Muslim immigration and the construction of new mosques in order to halt "Islamisation" of the Netherlands, ended the previous round of talks saying he had lost trust in the CDA -- some of whose members had expressed publicly their concerns about cooperating with the PVV.

One of them, outgoing health minister Ab Klink, has since resigned his parliamentary post, prompting Wilders to reconsider his position.

Tjeenk Willink, an official appointed by Queen Beatrix, reported to her earlier yesterday that the negotiations can resume, having consulted all three parties.

The monarch then re-appointed Ivo Opstelten, who led the previous round of coalition talks, to "continue his investigation into the speedy creation of a cabinet of the VVD and CDA that can count on fruitful cooperation with the Dutch parliament with the backing of the PVV," said a statement from the monarchy.

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Sale of Bushiri Hotel on the right track



Minister Otmar Oduber

ORANJESTAD – Recently, Minister of Labor, Transport and Tourism, Otmar Oduber announced that talks concerning the selling of the Bushiri Hotel are looking

very promising. Clean-up jobs in the gardens of the hotel are already underway.

After extensive talks with The Baron Investors group, the Aruba government together with the committee in charge with the sale, agreed on different points brought forward by the investors. Now The Baron Investors group has two weeks to announce their final decision. If their decision is positive, in two to three month the sale will be finalized.

Last month The Baron Investors group, joined by Hilton International, visited Aruba where they showed interest to open a 5 star hotel where the Bushiri is now situated.

The weekly Bon Bini Festival is tonight!

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture

This weeks the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgel. "Nos Cultura," musical group; "Pegasya," Dance groups; "The Super Dancers," and "Kids in Action," solo singer: "Quincey Hasham" and steel band: "New Generation." MC is Juby Naar

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

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Teal Ribbon Week schedule of Alzheimer's awareness events announced

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On World Alzheimer's Day, volunteers of the F.A.A. will distribute gift baskets to the homes of dementia patients containing necessary items donated by Pricemart store. The week will end on Saturday, September 25 with the annual "Memory Walk" beginning at 5:30 p.m. from the Fisherman's Huts, to Arashi Beach and return. All are welcome to participate and the first 300 to register will receive a Memory Walk tee shirt. Registration fee is 5 Aruban florins, (\$2.85.)

This year's theme for World Alzheimer's Day is "Time for Action!" as the latest figures reveal an increasing percentage of the world population being diagnosed with some form of dementia. 36 million individuals now suffer with Alzheimer's or a related disease; this is expected to in-

crease to 100 million within the next 20 years and to 115 million by 2050. There is no known cure, but early detection and therapy can slow the process. Alzheimer's affects not only the individual but the entire family and community.

Teal Ribbon Week is dedicated to enhancing community awareness as well as preparing families to properly care for those members stricken with de-

mentia. The events and activities provide information that help to ease the burden with living with someone with dementia and how we, as a community, can help each other to cope with this increasing dilemma.

For more information on the events of Teal Ribbon Week 2010 contact the Fundacion Alzheimer's Aruba at telephone 592-8416 or e-mail alzheimeraruba@gmail.com.

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Elsa celebrates 40 years working as nurse



Photos above show Elsa Werleman surrounded by friends, colleagues and family members. Recently, Elsa celebrated her 40th anniversary working at the Horacio Oduber Hospital. The celebration took place at The Queens, where the group enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Mama Luisa, who specialty is authentic Aruban food. Elsa started working as a nurse at the San Pedro di Verona Hospital in August 15, 1970. Afterwards she continued working at the Horacio Oduber Hospital. In 1992 she was transferred to PAAZ, the hospital's Psychiatric Department, where she is caregiver for the patients. Elsa has a son, Carlos Brokke and a grandson, Javier Brokke. Congratulations Elsa and thank you for your many years of dedication to the sick.

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Newly renamed Club Kibrahacha 60+ honors supporters and sponsors



The honorees



Board member Ephraim de Lannoy and wife Lisa



Honoring first president of the board Eric D'Arnault

For 25 years, Centro Kibrahacha for the elderly has provided classes, social events, and stimulus for Aruban retirees, and on the occasion of their silver anniversary has been renamed Club Kibrahacha 60+ "In Action" in keeping with the times and the new image of their "clients": active, vital, and full of life.

A gala brunch conducted at the Holiday Inn on the anniversary date, September 9, witnessed the introduction of their new name, image and logo before the board and their more than 180 members. Saturday evening, September 11, Club Kibrahacha 60+ hosted a special event at the Aruba Surfside Marina for the individuals who have supported and sponsored the center through the years.

Presiding President of the Board, Lufredo Croes, extended a special thank you to five individuals who recognized the need for such a facility and through their determination saw it established in an abandoned school in Piedra Plat from which the center took its name; these were: Eric D'Arnault,

who assumed the role of President of the Board for nearly 20 years until Lufredo Croes took over, Filomeno Roly Sint Jago, Secretary, Elias Fernando Mansur, Treasurer, Margarita Gregoria Pourier and Lucia Maria Jegens, members.

After nearly two years of petitioning the government, their vision was realized in 1985. Club Kibrahacha relies on the primary support of Aruba Rotary, which accounts for 20% of their financial needs. A government subsidy provides 40% of the center's operating costs for transporting members to the facility and salaries for a staff of 5. The other 40% needed to keep the center going has been provided by fundraising events and a core group of sponsors, whose contributions were recognized during Saturday's event.

Coming forward to the podium to receive a gift for their continuing contributions were Rob de Zwaart, current president of Aruba Rotary, Raymond Buckley, General Manager of Valero Aruba, and Hein van Putten, Managing Director of Pro Graphics. Additionally receiving recognition but not

present to accept it were Rene Kan, Art Stark, President of Friends of the Handicapped, Ton Koolman of the Manchebo Beach Resort, Fendzel Giel, Director of the AIB Bank, Wouter van der Wouden, Director of Albo Aruba, and Ferdinand Rahusen, Director of AMC/Unicon. Femmie Fingal, who has dedicated herself as a staff member to the center for 24 years, was similarly honored, as was Club Kibrahacha Director Diana Uchtmann, Board President Lufredo Croes and Secretary Lucia Werleman, who organized the celebratory events.

The Board of Club Kibrahacha 60+ now consists, with President Lufredo Croes, of Vice-President Danilo de Freitas, Secretary Lucia Werleman, Treasurer Edward Erasmus, Vice-Secretary Sarah Sambo, Vice-Treasurer Dirkjan Bekius and members Ephraim de Lannoy and Arnoud Boesten.

Board President Croes and Director Uchtmann also expressed their deep gratitude to the 30 volunteers who give unstintingly of their time to Aruba's elderly and have made the center a success through their sacrifice and efforts.



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A most unusual dinner will take place next week when Dr. Carlos Viana, an accomplished author and gifted

speaker, will be the pretend-maître d', explaining the dishes and enlightening the guests of De Suikertuin Restaurant in the Wilhelminastraat. Taking his clues from Dr. Peter D'Amado's best-selling diet book *Eat Right 4 Your Type* (4 blood types, 4 diets) and embroidering on this theme with an eye to his own book *Understanding the Blood Type Diet*, Dr. Viana is sure to convert many diners who wish to lose a few pounds or who wish to commence with a healthier life style.

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enlightening as well. De Suikertuin is the perfect location for a happening like this: intimate and cozy, with a super kitchen which will, among other dishes, cook up a tilapia with paksoi and an oriental twist, chicken kebab and a pasta salad. Guests will be welcomed with awa di lamoenchi.

Dr. Carlos Viana of the Natural Healing Center

Aruba was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, but grew up on Aruba. Multi-cultural, he studied in the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and the USA, but he felt that traditional medicine left something missing and he started studying a wide range of non-traditional healing and wellness methods, among them acupuncture, chakra therapy, biocompatible dental support, herbology, iridology and pain management. Always having been interested in reducing the inevitable signs of aging, cardiovascular disease, loss of cognitive ability and decreasing physi-

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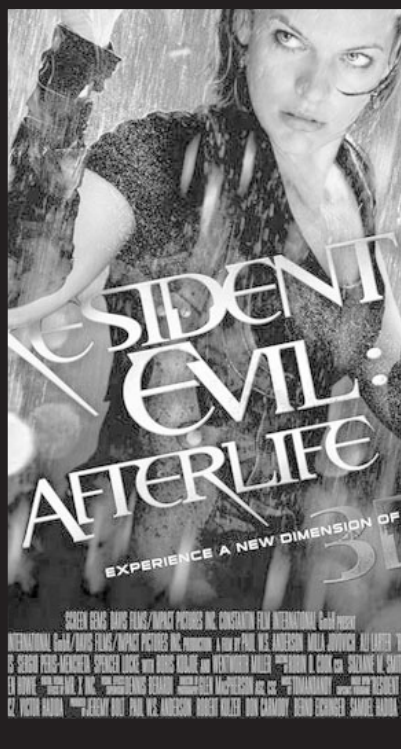
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Sci-Tech

Robotics breakthrough: Scientists make artificial skin

PARIS (AFP) – Biotech wizards have engineered electronic skin that can sense touch, in a major step towards next-generation robotics and prosthetic limbs.

The lab-tested material responds to almost the same pressures as human skin and with the same speed, they reported in the British journal Nature Materials.

Important hurdles remain but the exploit is an advance towards replacing today's clumsy robots and artificial arms with smarter, touch-sensitive upgrades, they believe.

"Humans generally know how to hold a fragile egg without breaking it," said Ali Javey, an associate professor of computer sciences at the University of California at Berkeley, who led one of the

research teams.

"If we ever wanted a robot that could unload the dishes, for instance, we'd want to make sure it doesn't break the wine glasses in the process. But we'd also want the robot to grip the stock pot without dropping it."

The "e-skin" made by Javey's team comprises a matrix of nanowires made of germanium and silicon rolled onto a sticky polyimide film.

The team then laid nano-scale transistors on top, followed by a flexible, pressure-sensitive rubber. The prototype, measuring 49 square centimetres (7.6 square inches), can detect pressure ranging from 0 to 15 kilopascals, comparable to the force used for such daily activities as typing on a key-

board or holding an object.

A different approach was taken by a team led by Zhenan Bao, a Chinese-born associate professor at Stanford University in California who has gained a reputation as one of the top women chemists in the United States.

Their approach was to use a rubber film that changes thickness due to pressure, and employs capacitors, integrated into the material, to measure the difference. It cannot be stretched, though.

"Our response time is comparable with human skin, it's very, very fast, within milliseconds, or thousandths of a second," Bao told AFP. "That means in real terms that we can feel the pressure instantaneously."

What's Auto-Tune and how does it work?

Missed that high note? With Auto-Tune, that's OK. Like a spellchecker or photo editing software can save us from our mistakes, the audio program Auto-Tune can correct a singer's bad notes and wavering pitch.

Although the program is best known for the singing-through-a-fan, robotic vocal style that has dominated pop radio in recent years with stars like Lady Gaga, T-Pain and countless others, Auto-Tune is in fact widely used in the studio and at concerts to make artists' sound pitch-perfect.

"Quite frankly, [use of Auto-Tune] happens on almost all vocal performances you hear on the radio," said Marco Alpert, vice president of marketing for Antares Audio Technologies, the company that holds the trademark and patent for Auto-Tune.

The beauty of Auto-Tune, Alpert said, is that instead of an artist having to sing take after take, struggling to get through a song flawlessly, Auto-Tune can clean up small goofs.

"It used to be that singers would have to sing a song over and over, and by that time you've lost the emotional content of the performance," Alpert said. "Auto-Tune is used most often for an artist who has delivered a fabulous performance emotionally and there may be a few pitch problems here and there... [the software] can save a once-in-a-lifetime performance."

How it works

Auto-Tune users set a ref-



erence point - a scale or specific notes, for example - and a rate at which derivations from this point will be digitally corrected.

This rate can be carefully calibrated so a voice sounds "natural," by tacking the voice smoothly back to the reference pitch. Or, artists can make the correction hap-

pen quickly and artificially, which results in the warbling, digitized voices now all the rage in pop, hip-hop, reggae and other types of music.

Backlash comes from purists

Rapper Jay-Z entitled a song on last year's The Black Album "D.O.A. (Death of Auto-Tune)," and musicians including Christina Aguilera who have relied on the software have publicly blasted it.

Debates have broken out over whether Auto-Tune has cheapened or at least homogenized pop radio, and whether it has made audiences expect singers to torch through songs without vocal errors or, as some have alleged, personality.

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New On the Menu: Genetically Modified Salmon?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration may soon approve genetically modified salmon for humans to eat, a prospect that is raising concern among some consumer advocates who consider the fish a threat to both health and the environment.

On Sept. 3, a scientific panel of experts that advises the FDA paved the way for the approval of genetically modified salmon, calling it "as safe as food from conventional Atlantic salmon."

The FDA's Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee went on to say that the fish — AquAdvantage Salmon developed by Waltham, Mass.-based AquaBounty Technologies — contained the same amount of nutrients and had "no biologically relevant differences" from ordinary farmed Atlantic salmon. The FDA is scheduled to hold public hearings on the issue from Sept. 19 to 21.

If AquaBounty's salmon is approved, it would mark the



first time a genetically modified animal has been approved for America's dinner plates and restaurant menus.

That's what worries consumer advocates, who say approving the salmon is opening the door to all sorts of genetically engineered animals, such as pigs and other mammals.

The FDA is regulating genetically engineered animals as it would a new veterinary drug, which means that much of the research and information about the product is being kept confidential, said Wenonah Hauter, executive

director of Food & Water Watch in Washington, D.C.

"We don't know if it's safe for humans to eat and the only research that has been done was done by the company," according to Hauter. "The FDA is an under-resourced agency that has had so much trouble with the regulatory system for foods — we've had tainted eggs, poisonous peanuts and other contaminations — and is now taking on something in a very non-transparent way."

Recently, Food & Water Watch was joined by 30 other animal welfare, consumer environmental and fisheries groups, including the Sierra Club, which issued a statement citing concerns that the fish could escape and pose an environmental threat. Previously, another group of consumer advocates and others warned that "transgenic fish" could introduce new or unknown allergens into the food supply.

Swimming in chlorinated pools can lead to cancer: study



MADRID (AFP) - Swimming in chlorinated pools can cause an increased risk of cancer in bathers, Spanish researchers said on Monday.

Researchers from the Barcelona-based Centre of Research in Environmental Epidemiology (CREAL) and Research Institute Hospital del Mar studied changes in indicators of mutagenicity -- permanent mutation of the DNA -- among a group of swimmers in an indoor chlorinated pool.

"The evidence of genotoxic effects were observed in 49 healthy adults after swimming for 40 minutes in a chlorinated indoor pool," CREAL said in a statement on Monday.

Researchers found indicators of an increase in cancer

risk in healthy subjects as well as potential respiratory effects from the chlorine used as a disinfectant, the statement said.

The co-director of CREAL, Manolis Kogevinas, said the findings should not put people off swimming.

"The positive health impacts of swimming can be increased by reducing the levels of these chemicals," he said.

"In no case do we want to stop swimming, but to encourage the reduction of chemicals in swimming pools," said Kogevinas, who suggested the problems caused by a reduction in levels of disinfectant could be offset if swimmers showered before taking a dip, wore bathing caps and refrained from urinating.

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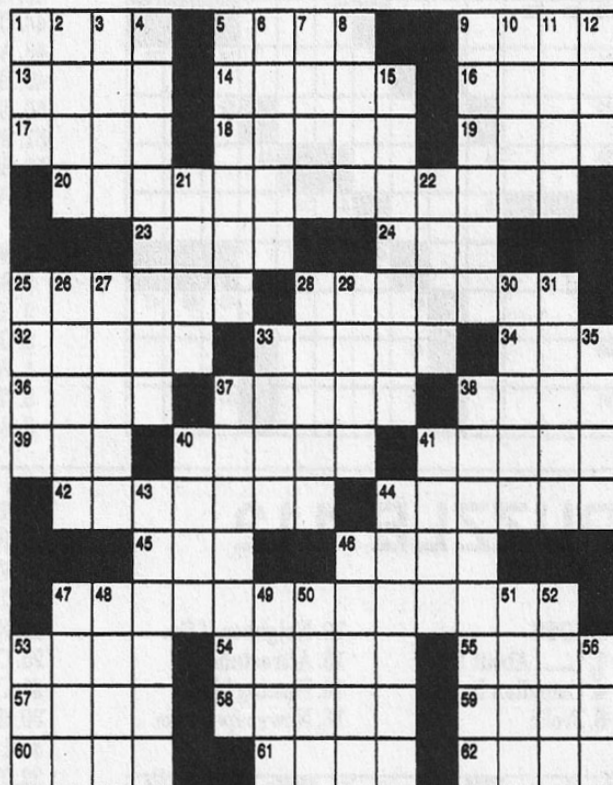
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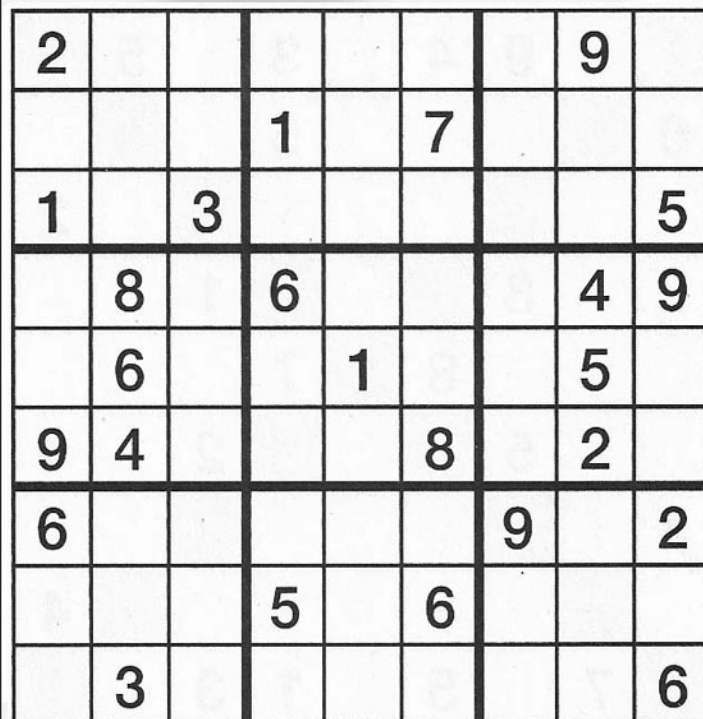
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Crisis not over until job picture improves, says IMF-ILO

OSLO, Norway (AFP) – Victory over the global economic downturn can only come through a major cut in unemployment, with 440 million new jobs needed by 2020, political leaders and key international bodies insisted yesterday.

International Monetary Fund Director General Dominique Strauss-Kahn, addressing a conference here, said he did not foresee another plunge into recession but warned that "there won't be any end of the crisis before unemployment significantly decreases."

"Growth is very important ... but growth is not enough ... If you lose your job, you are more likely to suffer from health problems, or even die younger," he said.

"If you lose your job, your

children are more likely to do worse in school. If you lose your job, you are less likely to have faith in public institutions and democracy."

The International Labour Organisation, which joined the IMF in sponsoring the conference, estimated that the global financial crisis had increased the number of jobless worldwide by about 34 million since 2007.

The ILO said around 210 million people are today out of work and predicted that 440 million new jobs would be needed in the next decade to absorb increases in the working age population.

"There is no other way than putting job creation at the center of macroeconomic policies," argued ILO head Juan Somavia

Regulators turn to big bank issue after Basel III deal

BASEL, Switzerland (AFP) – Regulators yesterday weighed further reforms targeting banks sometimes deemed too big to fail just hours after they announced landmark changes to capital requirement rules.

The tougher rules unveiled late Sunday, called Basel III, would triple the minimum reserves that banks would have to hold against losses, thereby bolstering their resilience in the face of crises.

While hailing the reforms, central bankers said the package still did not address a "moral hazard problem" arising from the fact that some major banks are simply too big or too significant to the economy to be allowed to fail.

The global financial crisis in 2007-2008 forced many governments in developed nations to rescue banks, since allowing them to fold could have brought down whole economies.

Central bankers now want to find a way to ensure that such major financial institutions can be allowed to fail if they run into trouble without damaging national economies.

Such banks can also expect to see further curbs and their capital buffer is expected to be raised further, central bank regulators said.

"It's not done! We have now a second part which is very, very important -- to address the problem of the systemically important institutions," said Mario Draghi, speaking as the chairman of the Financial Sta-

bility Board.

If such major banks were to get into trouble in the future, there must be a way to wind them up "without creating the huge market disruptions that we have seen and without dipping in taxpayers' money purse," added Draghi, who is also Italy's top central banker.

Central bankers meeting at northern Switzerland's Bank for International Settlements agreed Sunday on new overall rules for banks to be phased in from 2013.

Banks of all sizes would be required to hold more reserves by January 1, 2015, with the "minimum requirement for common equity, the highest form of loss absorbing capital," raised to 4.5 percent of overall assets from 2.0 percent at the moment.

So-called Tier One capital, a wider measure of top-quality capital, has been re-defined on a tighter basis and increased from 4.0 to 6.0 percent over the same period.

In addition, banks would be required by January 1, 2019 to set aside an additional buffer of 2.5 percent to "withstand future periods of stress," bringing the total of such core reserves required to 7.0 percent.

This additional reserve helps "to ensure that banks maintain a buffer of capital that can be used to absorb losses during periods of financial and economic stress," said regulators.

They added that the tool would help stop banks from is-

suing "discretionary bonuses and high dividends, even in the face of deteriorating capital positions."

Meanwhile, the Tier One capital requirement being raised to 6.0 percent from 4.0 percent includes common equity and other specific financial instruments.

Some assets would also no longer be considered as appropriate reserves, and would have to be replaced by better quality assets beginning 2013.

However, banks were given nine years to implement the new rules, far longer than the end-2012 deadline that was suggested late last year.

Many major financial institutions have in recent months already moved to boost their reserves to meet the requirement.

European Central Bank chief Jean-Claude Trichet, the chairman of the group of regulators who met in northern Switzerland on Sunday, said that the deal reached was a "fundamental strengthening of the global capital standards."

He said yesterday: "Their contribution to long-term financial stability and growth will be substantial. The transition arrangements will enable banks to meet the new standards while supporting the economic recovery."

The set of new regulations would be submitted for ratification at a meeting of Group of 20 major developed and developing nations in South Korea in November.

Cuba to eliminate half a million state jobs in six months

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Cuba will eliminate more than half a million state jobs over the next six months as part of a push to raise productivity in the communist-ruled island, the country's main labor organization said yesterday.

Workers laid off from government jobs will no longer be sent home with partial pay, but will have to find other means to make a living, the Cuban Worker's Central, or CTC by its Spanish acronym, said.

"Our state neither can nor should continue maintaining companies... with inflated payrolls, and losses that are a drag on the economy, are counterproductive, generate bad habits and deform worker's performance," it said.

It said more than 500,000

public sector jobs will be eliminated by March 2011.

Cuban leader Fidel Castro last week caused a stir when it was reported he told a US journalist, "The Cuban model doesn't even work for us any more."

Castro, 84, later confirmed he made the remark, but was amused to see it had been taken literally and said that he meant "exactly the opposite."

Castro's brother Raul, who is now the president, said a year ago that the government wanted to relocate more than a million state employees. Cuba has a workforce of 4.9 million people in a country with 11.2 million population. The state controls 95 percent of the economy.

For years, the government has given laid off workers up

to 60 percent of their salary while they were waiting to be placed in a new job.

But the CTC said "it will no longer be possible to indefinitely protect or subsidize workers income."

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Taiwan turns plastic junk to 'green' gold



A worker is seen sorting out plastic caps at a recycling station operated by Tzu Chi Foundation in Taipei

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AFP) – The mountains of used plastic bottles at a recycling station in Taipei emit a faint smell of garbage dump, but soon they will be turned into wigs and clothes that people will wear.

From fake hair to football jerseys and building bricks, Taiwan is breathing new life into its massive plastics waste, creating a booming new business at the same time as it aims to go green.

The island started recycling plastic more than a decade ago amid growing environmental concerns, and today it boasts about 73 percent recycling rates, according to the cabinet's Environmental Protection Administration.

Last year, nearly 180,000 tons of used plastic were collected and turned into raw materials worth 4.5 billion Taiwan dollars (140 million US), which cut down garbage disposal costs and carbon dioxide emissions, it said.

"Recycled plastics can be made into many products such as garments, flower pots, wigs and zippers," said Ma Nien-ho, a spokesman for the administration's recycling fund management board. "We are not only protecting the environment but also making money."

Taiwan took pride in the so-called "eco-fabric" that was used by local companies to make the jerseys for nine teams competing in the recent football World Cup in South Africa.

Each jersey, made from eight plastic bottles melted and processed into polyester, is 13 percent lighter than traditional fabric and can absorb and disperse sweat more quickly, according to Taiwan Textile Research Institute.

"The production process is also more environmentally friendly as it takes less water and energy to dye the shirts when using coloured bottles," said Alex Lo, managing director of Super Textile Corpora-

tion.

Super Textile, a leading Taiwanese maker of eco-fabric, started exporting to the United States and Japan in recent years, which gave a boost of up to 10 percent to its business, Lo said. "The response has been much warmer in the past two years due to rising awareness on global warming and fluctuating cotton prices."

"We are optimistic that the World Cup publicity will help stir up more demand."

Taiwan, a small island that consumes about 4.5 billion plastic bottles annually, is seen as having an advantage in manufacturing eco-textiles through lower transportation and recycling costs.

Tzu Chi Foundation, one of the island's largest charity groups, runs 4,500 recycling stations across Taiwan with the help of about 70,000 volunteers who collected 12,000 tons of used bottles last year.

The foundation has distributed more than 300,000 blankets made from plastic bottles since 2007 for relief uses at home and abroad, it said.

And perhaps in the near future houses built from recycled plastic bottles will mushroom across the island after "Eco Ark," the world's first such building, is unveiled in November.

"Eco Ark" -- a three-storey 24-meter (78-feet) high exhibition hall due to debut at the Taipei International Floral Exposition, is built from 1.5 million recycled plastic bottles and cost 300 million Taiwan dollars.

"The bottles are processed to make bricks that can resist earthquakes, wind and fire while providing the building with natural lighting to save electricity," said its architect Arthur Huang.

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It's a girl for Mario Lopez and Courtney Mazza

Mario Lopez will now answer to a new title: daddy.

The actor-TV host and girlfriend Courtney Mazza welcomed their first child, a daughter, Gia Francesca Lopez, in Burbank, California, on Saturday, it was reported yesterday.

The baby weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz., and mother and daughter are reportedly doing well.

"We are so overjoyed," Lopez, 36, said. "What an amazing, wonderful and overwhelming experience to welcome our daughter into the world."

Over the summer, Lopez, told PEOPLE he was doting on Mazza, 28.

"I'm constantly trying to feed her because I want to have a really healthy, chubby baby," he said at the time.



The excited daddy also said he planned to write a book and create a reality show about first-time fatherhood.

"There's so much out there for women but not so much

for men, and I want to be a very hands-on dad," he said. "I think having a humorous but informative way to tell that story would be great for a show."

Hatton to seek help after cocaine revelations

LONDON (AFP) - Former two-weight world champion Ricky Hatton was diagnosed with depression and a drink problem by a specialist on Monday after a newspaper published video footage of the boxer allegedly snorting cocaine.

The News of the World secretly filmed Hatton, who has not fought since being knocked out in the second round of his May 2009 showdown with Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas, supposedly using "industrial quantities" of the drug during a marathon 10-hour drinking session.

Hatton's spokesman Max Clifford told the Press Association that Hatton's father had already sought advice as he was worried by his son's



behaviour.

"Ricky's father has already been talking to the specialists over the last few weeks," Clifford said.

"He and others have been increasingly concerned about Ricky's depression and his drinking."

Clifford added: "He met

with the specialist (on Monday) for four, five, six hours and he was told that his depression is severe and that he has a drink problem.

"The drugs are quite recent and not actually the problem when we're talking about degrees."

Hatton also faces a meeting with the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) over the allegations.

Reports claim he could be suspended, fined or have his fight and promoters' licences withdrawn.

"The Board want to see Ricky at the earliest opportunity and discuss the issues raised in the press accounts," said BBBC chairman Charles Giles.

Jacobs stars as Bushrangers crash to Warriors

PORT ELIZABETH (AFP) - Warriors captain Davy Jacobs hit a thrilling half-century and took two stunning catches as the South African champions defeated the Victoria Bushrangers by 28 runs in a Champions League Twenty20 match at St George's Park on Monday night.

Jacobs thrashed 59 off 39 balls as the Warriors made 158 for six. The Bushrangers limped to 130 for nine in reply.

Veteran South African fast bowler Makhaya Ntini took two early wickets and fellow paceman Rusty Theron claimed his second three-wicket haul of the tournament.

Jacobs held a leaping catch at mid-on to dismiss dangerous opening batsman Brad Hodge off Ntini and held a comparable catch at cover to break a threatening stand between Aaron Finch (25) and Victoria skipper David Hussey (29).

The Warriors became the first team to notch two wins in the tournament, putting them on top of Group A.

"We always knew it would be a difficult total to chase but we still had to bowl and field well," said Jacobs.

Opening batsman Jacobs gave his team a blazing start as the Warriors hammered 62 runs without loss in the six Powerplay overs.

Seventeen runs, including three boundaries by Jacobs and four leg byes, were plundered off Dirk Nannes' first over and Jacobs thrashed three fours and a six as Shane Harwood conceded 19 runs in the fourth over.

Germany's skating darling Pechstein suffers nervous breakdown



FILE: Claudia Pechstein of Germany celebrates her second place after the 500 meter women sprint of the Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships at the Thialf Ice Stadium on January 10, 2009 in Heerenveen, Netherlands. According to Manager Ralf Grengel, Germany's most successful Winter Olympian, speed skater Claudia Pechstein has suffered a nervous breakdown and is now going to undergo psychological treatment in Berlin. In July 2009, the ISU imposed a two-year ban for doping on the now 38-year-old German, on the grounds that her reticulocyte count was above normal, which would suggest that she had taken performance-enhancing drugs.




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King and Shvedova win US Open women's doubles



NEW YORK (AFP) - Vania King (R) and Yaroslava Shvedova (L) added the US Open women's doubles title to the Wimbledon crown they won in July here on Monday in a final held over from Sunday due to rain.

The US/Kazak duo defeated second seeds Liezel Huber of the United States and Nadia Petrova of Russia 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4).

The final had been suspended due to rain at a crucial moment of the game on Sunday with King serving to level at 5-5 in the deciding set.


On the resumption a Shve-

dova forehand winner down the line saved a match point for the sixth seeds and two games later it went down to a tie-breaker.

King and Shvedova opened up an early lead in that and after securing two match points they clinched it with a perfect lob over Petrova.

"I was nervous because I was serving and I was down a point, so I was just hoping no double fault," said King.

"After Wimbledon we did not know if we could do it again, but now we proved that we can."



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Durant takes another step on road to greatness

ISTANBUL (AFP) - At just 21, Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant was already a household name in the United States.

Now, following his performances at the world basketball championships where he was named Most Valuable Player and led the US to a first title since 1994, he is now just as well known outside of the country.

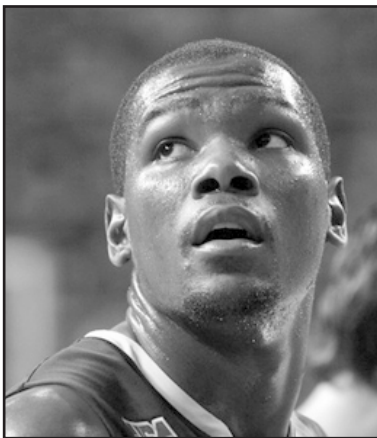
In just his third NBA season he led Oklahoma to their first ever playoffs appearance.

On the way he averaged 30.1 points a game to become the youngest player to lead the league in scoring and also earned his maiden All-Star game appearance.

Durant averaged 22.2 points a game throughout the world championships, including 33 points against Russia in the quarters, 38 in his side's semi-final victory over Lithuania and 28 points against Turkey in the final.

If he had been on another roster at the tournament, besides that of the star-studded American line-up, that average would have undoubtedly been higher, with coach Mike Krzyzewski giving his entire team equal court time up until the finals, limiting the time Durant had to add to his scoring total.

Krzyzewski could not have been more glowing in



his praise of Durant following their 81-64 gold medal triumph over Turkey.

"The beauty about Kevin is he's pure. He's not trying to do anything except play basketball and get better," said Krzyzewski.

"I love coaching him and he learned how to be a really great international player in the last five weeks which will help him be an even better NBA player. He's very genuine. He's a special guy and definitely a special player."

It was not only his coach praising him but also those in charge of the teams he played against.

Following his sides loss to USA, Russian coach David Blatt said: "I thought we made Durant work for his baskets but he made plays and that is the definition of a great player."

Coach Kestutis Kemzura of Lithuania was stumped by

how to stop Durant when his side lost to the US in the semi-finals.

"It's very hard to stop Kevin Durant one-on-one, you have to pick your poison," he said.

To his credit, Durant is refusing to let stardom go to his head, seeing himself as just another integral part of the team.

"We know that every game is important, we respect every opponent. We are just playing together, everybody here is one. There's no guy that is better than the other, there are no egos here and that's the major thing."

He also made it clear he was only in Turkey for the joy of winning basketball games.

"I just wanted to come out here and win. That was my mindset from day one. None of that stuff, global marketing entered my mind. I just wanted to win for everybody. This is a great feeling and it's all I worried about."

Done in the NBA?

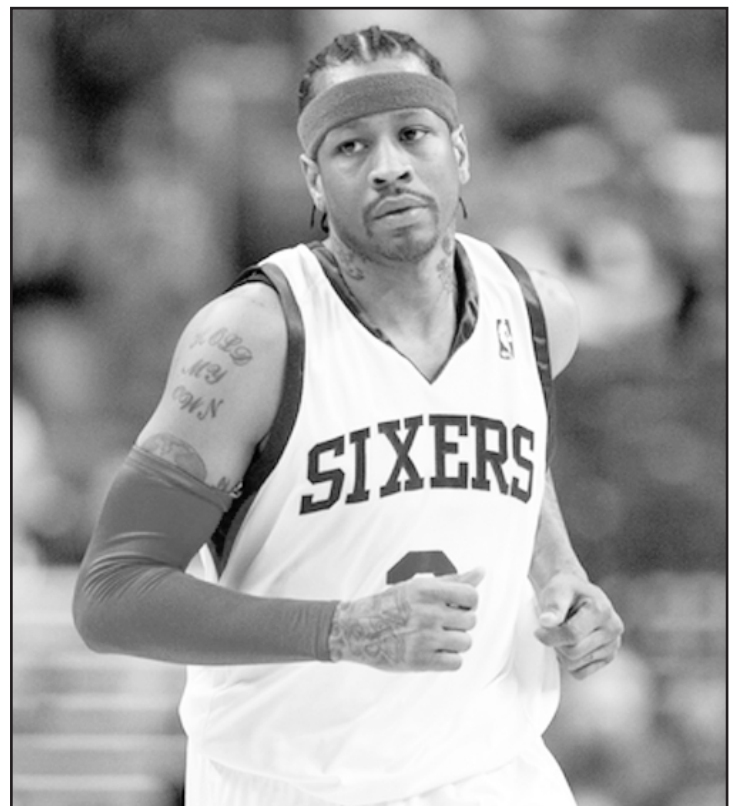


Photo shows Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson during an NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers, in Philadelphia. Iverson's personal manager, says Iverson has not been contacted by any NBA team with training camps set to open in less than two weeks. Moore says there is "legitimate interest" between Iverson and a team in China to work out a deal.

Sanders, Martin, Faulk and Bettis eligible for Hall



Curtis Martin, Deion Sanders, Jerome Bettis and Marshall Faulk are among the first-year eligible candidates for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's class of 2011. In all, there are 113 modern-era nominees. From that list, Hall of Fame selectors will choose 25 as semifinalists; that group will be announced in November.

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Rain halts US Open final with Nadal leading Djokovic

NEW YORK (AFP) - Rafael Nadal's quest to complete a career Grand Slam by winning his first US Open title was again delayed by rain on Monday when showers halted the men's final as he led Novak Djokovic 6-4, 4-4.

The match, already postponed from Sunday because of rain, was halted after one hour and 41 minutes with Serbian third seed Djokovic serving at 30-all in the ninth game against world number one Nadal of Spain.

The US Tennis Association said weather forecasts indicated there was a strong chance the match could be

finished Monday night.

Nadal can become the seventh man to complete a career Grand Slam sweep, joining Roger Federer, Andre Agassi, Roy Emerson, Rod Laver, Don Budge and Fred Perry in having won Wimbledon and the US, French and Australian Open titles.

Rain postponed the men's final from Sunday to Monday for the third year in a row. The delay helped Djokovic recover from a five-set semi-final ouster of Federer with an extra day of rest.

Nadal fired a forehand winner to break Djokovic in the opening game of the

match, but Djokovic answered by breaking back to 2-2, the Spaniard swatting a forehand wide to surrender his serve for only the third time in the tournament.

Djokovic denied Nadal on five break points in the fifth game but succumbed on the sixth, the Serb smashing his racquet in anger after Nadal's serve-swiping winner.

Nadal held his serve from there to claim the first set, an ominous note for Djokovic as the Spanish star was 107-1 in prior Grand Slam matches when winning the first set and 91-0 when taking the first two sets.



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